

NEW PRESIDENT AT THE INAUGURATION AS HIS PERSONAL ESCORT.



economized that it could easily seat 1,800 persons.

When Major McKinley arose to speak he faced an audience that filled the broad esplanade from B street on the south to S street on the north, and stretched eastward like a human torrent, until it broke against the white walls of the beautiful Congressional Library building in the rear. It was a typical American crowd, good humored, as American crowds usually are, and it waited patiently in the fresh, nipping air of the morning for a sight of the face and figure of the new President.

Major McKinley read his speech from manuscript. His hat rested by his side. His head was thrown back, as is usual when speaking earnestly, and his fine face, smooth shaven and intelligent, stood out with silhouette distinctness against the background formed by the massive Capitol building. He was dressed in dark colors, and wore the badge presented to him yesterday by Postmaster-General Wilson at the request of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the college fraternity of which the President is a member.

Toward the close of the reading of the address the commotion in the crowd stilled, and Mr. McKinley's clear, ringing voice, which has lost none of its resonant quality since he was last in Washington, penetrated to a great distance from where he stood.

THE GREAT PAGEANT.

It Moved Like Machinery Before Thousands of Cheering Spectators.

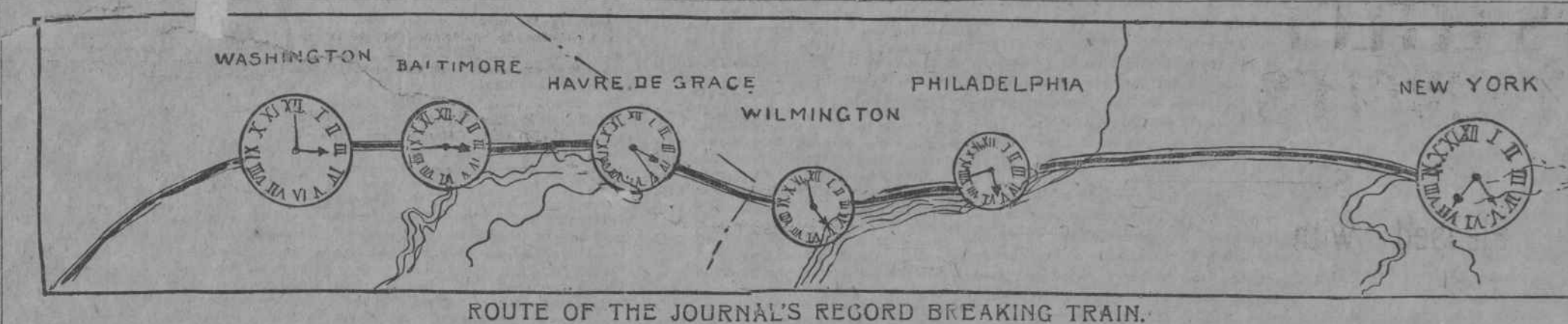
Washington, March 4.—The return of William McKinley, Jr., as the inaugurated President of the United States from the Capitol to the White House was the event of the day. It was the pageant that thousands of people had come thousands of miles to see.

It was a magnificent spectacle. Soldiers in handsome uniforms and clubs in golden regalia thronged Pennsylvania avenue for nearly three hours, watching the parade as it moved by. They had waited for hours for the procession to start. Those standing farthest back than those sitting. The north-west wind that was blowing was cold and biting, and the occupants of all the reviewing stands shivered and stamped their feet in a vain effort to get warm. For the pedestrians and those standing the sunshine was a godsend, but all contented themselves with patience, lunches were eaten and good naturedly the hundreds of thousands of people waited until the parade would wheel around the Peace Monument into the broad avenue.

McKinley's Seat Changed.

It was 2:30 p. m. when this occurred. Some changes had been made from the programme of the drive to the Capitol. Then the escort of regular army troops and National Guardsmen had preceded the carriage containing the President and President-elect. Now the order had been reversed. After the grand marshal and his staff came the President of the United States and ex-President Cleveland. Seats in the carriage had been changed, too. For President McKinley sat on the right, and on his left was Cleveland. Following this came a carriage in which Vice-President Hobart sat on the right and ex-Vice-President Stevenson on the left.

It was then that the vast crowd felt that it had full license to cheer. The progress of the great parade—twenty-six thousand men strong—was necessarily slow. The police arrangements were of the best, however, and at no point was there any congestion.



The great pageant, was different in many respects from anything ever seen here before. It was more compact and moved with less friction. It was divided into two grand divisions, and in each the various brigades moved like pieces of machinery. This was a great compliment to the plans formulated by General Horace Porter preceding the parade.

Mrs. McKinley Cheered.

The carriages containing Mrs. McKinley, Mother McKinley and other members of the Presidential party were rapidly driven up the avenue to the White House, where they were welcomed by Mrs. Cleveland. They were nearly as heartily applauded as was their distinguished relative, who followed them shortly.

The progress of the President up the avenue was a continuous ovation, and after he had passed any given point the crowd continued to cheer the various organizations as they passed in review. Bands almost without number filled the air with strains of patriotic and popular melodies, in which "Maryland, My Maryland," "Dixie" and "America" predominated.

The United States troops attracted the greatest attention. There were more of them by several thousand than ever appeared in line on a similar occasion. The red-trimmed uniforms of the artillery, the yellow-plumed helmets and trappings of the cavalry and the white-faced blue of the infantry added a picturesqueness to the scene which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who saw them.

REVIEWED BY MCKINLEY.

Marked Courtesy to Bushnell as He Passed in the Big Parade.

Washington, March 4.—President McKinley for two hours and forty minutes stood and bowed his acknowledgment to the salutes of soldiers and citizens as they passed in the great parade.

Republican simplicity was strongly in contrast with Republican display. The new President stood in a stall protected on each side and behind by glass. At his left stood Vice-President Hobart. Behind him and to his right sat his wife and his sister, Mrs. Barber. In a snug corner on the left sat "Mother" McKinley, with a look of satisfaction on her face. By her side was Mrs. Hobart.

To the right of the stall sat the diplomats and their wives. The most striking personages were the Chinese and Japanese Ministers. Each was in full court dress. Just back of them and to their left sat the general commanding the army of the United States, with his staff, all gorgeous with gold lace. Immediately behind the stall sat the family of President McKinley,

"Brother Abner" being most prominent. He was mistaken for his distinguished brother twice and was given two rounds of hearty applause. To the left of the stall sat the forty-five survivors, who are present in the city, of the President's old regiment, the Twenty-third Ohio. The President's pastor in Canton, Rev. Dr. Manchester, also one of the survivors, held aloft the gavel.

"Mother" McKinley enjoyed the scene very much for a time, but the long stream of cavalrymen, artillerymen and infantry seemed to tire her. She rose from her seat, and, going to the edge of the stall, looked down the avenue. All she could see was a stream of more soldiers coming and, with a look of resignation and satisfaction, she seated herself again. But not for long. At a little after 4 p. m. she rose and walked over to her son and tapped him on the shoulder.

In an instant his back was to the parade, and his head was bent to receive his mother's communication. A second later, still with his back to the parade, he motioned for his aide and did not give his attention again to the salutes being paid him until he saw her started for the White House. Soon after Mrs. McKinley grew weary and was escorted from the stand by Secretary Porter.

MRS. MCKINLEY'S DAY.

Mrs. Cleveland Greets the New Mistress of the White House.

Washington, March 4.—It was 10:45 o'clock this morning when the signal was given that Mrs. McKinley was ready to descend to her carriage and start for the Capitol. She appeared accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Barber, and Mr. J. Addison Porter, who supported her to the carriage.

Without the door, waiting on the sidewalk, was a large concourse of people, who pressed forward to inspect the elegant toilet worn by the wife of the President-elect. This was a dark blue satin brocade, with deep cape of seal skin, trimmed with other the high-faring collar being of the seal. A dressy bonnet of gold net, with small black aligrette, completed the toilet.

Great doubt prevailed, even up to the very moment of her arrival, as to the entrance at which Mrs. McKinley would arrive from the Capitol, and because of this an unwonted activity was observable in the advance guards, who ran quickly from one side of the White House to the other. It was 2:30 o'clock when Mrs. McKinley did arrive, and her carriage contained Mrs. Barber, and the latter's little daughter, Mr. J. Addison Porter and Mr. Charles Bell, chairman of the Inaugural Committee.

They came by the front portico, their coming being heralded by the cheers of the crowd packing the avenue immediately in front of the gates and grand viewing stand. All this while the driveway was given an animated appearance not usual to the rear of the Presidential mansion by three carriages with jingling harness and closely cropped liveried teams, which drove "up and down in the bright sunshine past the gardens, in which bloomed a brave show of yellow crocuses. These were the carriages waiting to convey Mrs. Cleveland and Mr. Thurston from the place after the greetings of the day had been exchanged with the President's wife. It looked for a time as though Mrs. Cleveland would have to omit her luncheon at the residence of ex-Secretary of War and Mrs. Lamont, and even miss her train to Princeton, although she herself gave no evidence of anxiety or hurry as she waited for Mrs. McKinley's arrival. The delay was occasioned by Mrs. McKinley having remained to luncheon at the Capitol with the President and party before starting for the White House.

At length all anxiety and waiting were ended by the long expected arrival, and as Mrs. McKinley was supported from her carriage to the White House, the large jeweled glass doorways leading to the inner corridor were thrown wide open, and she entered the White House for the first time since her arrival in the city, as the wife of the President, to find Mrs. Cleveland, all smiles and graciousness, awaiting her coming, standing on the threshold of the Blue Room, looking the picture of perfect, blooming womanhood, with that inimitable charm of manner that has won all hearts to her.

When Mrs. McKinley returned to the White House from the reviewing stand there was a large concourse of relatives and friends, about one hundred in number, who were her guests at a buffet luncheon served in the private dining room, which had been beautified with flowers and palms.

Mrs. Cleveland's costume in which she received Mrs. McKinley, and then travelled to Princeton, was an elegant one of deep pearly broadcloth, trimmed with sable and shoulder cape of the same fur, with small hat to match. With this costume she wore a large breaststitch of Parma violets.

Mrs. Abner McKinley and daughter, Miss Mabel McKinley, and the President's sister, Miss Helen McKinley, were asked to dine with the President, but finally decided, after returning to the Ebbitt House, that they would remain at the hotel for dinner and rest before going to the ball.

Mrs. Nancy McKinley, mother of the President, who bears her eighty-four years with grace and dignity, and is apparently as hale and hearty as her son, will go to the White House to-morrow for a stay of a few days before returning to her home in Canton, Ohio.

HOBART TAKES OFFICE.

The New Vice-President is Inaugurated—His Address.

Washington, March 4.—Garret Augustus Hobart took the office of Vice-President right after noon to-day. Mr. Hobart was self-possessed and his short address made a good impression.

The doors of the Senate were not opened until 10 o'clock, and admission was by ticket, each of the Senators having four and each Representative two. The floor and galleries were filled as soon as the doors were opened and the proceedings were full of interest from beginning to end. The ceremony consisted of the retiring speech of Vice-President Stevenson, the swearing in of Mr. Hobart and his address and the organization of the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Congress.

Mrs. McKinley and relatives, Mrs. Hobart and son, Mrs. U. S. Grant, Mrs. Potter Palmer and others were in the executive gallery. Mrs. Cleveland was not present.

T. C. Platt, Foraker, Mason, and other Senators-elect and the members of McKinley's Cabinet were on the floor of the Senate when Vice-President Stevenson called the body to order at 10 o'clock. Mr. Stevenson, at 11:15 o'clock, announced that all business had been transacted, and as he concluded the diplomatic corps entered. Mr. Cleveland and Mr. McKinley also walked in, and took the seats reserved for them. When all was quiet, Mr. Stevenson delivered his farewell address.

New Senators Sworn In.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hobart's speech, Secretary Cox read the President's proclamation convening the Senate in extra session. Mr. Hobart called the body to order and the following Senators were sworn in:

W. B. Allison, of Iowa; A. S. Clay, of Georgia; J. H. Eagle, of South Carolina; C. W. Fairbanks, of Indiana; J. B. Foraker, of Ohio; J. H. Gallinger, of New Hampshire; H. C. Hansbrough, of North Dakota; Henry Heitfeldt, of Idaho; W. A. Harris, of Kansas; J. K. Jones, of Arkansas; J. P. Jones, of Nevada; J. H. Kyle, of South Dakota; W. E. Mason, of Illinois; S. D. McNary, of Louisiana; J. S. Morrill, of Vermont; Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania; G. C. Perkins, of California; E. W. Pettus, of Alabama; O. H. Platt, of Connecticut; T. C. Platt, of New York; J. C. Pritchard, of North Carolina; J. L. Rawlins, of Utah; J. C. Spooner, of Wisconsin; H. M. Teller, of Colorado; George Turner, of Washington; G. G. Vest, of Missouri, and G. L. Wellington, of Maryland.

Returning from the Capitol, the Vice-President was the central figure in the grand display. He, as well as the new

President, was kept busy acknowledging the applause that greeted his appearance all along the line of march. Mrs. Hobart had witnessed the ceremony making her husband the second man in the nation, and was at the White House, ready to greet him when he arrived with President McKinley.

Vice-President Hobart entered the Presidential reviewing stand shortly after President McKinley. His appearance in the stall prepared for the President was a signal for an outburst of applause which lasted several minutes. All the time the parade was passing he stood alongside President McKinley and shared with him the honor of the occasion.

GLORY OF THE BALL.

A Happy Crowd Fills the Gayly Decorated Pension Office.

Washington, March 4.—The inaugural ball in the Pension Building was one of the most gorgeous affairs that Washington has ever witnessed. It was distinctively a partisan turnout, with just enough Democrats present to call attention to the fact that the outgoing Administration had little representation. Ex-Senator Blackburn was there and so was Carlisle's private secretary, Van Selden. Secretary Olney came in later.

The ball was nothing more than a good-natured walk-around until the Presidential party put in an appearance, at 10 o'clock. Then everything was confusion and excitement. The band played "The Gold Bug" and when Mark Hanna made his appearance changed it to "The Wizard of the Nile."

Military officers and gubernatorial aides rushed here and there, bubbling over with importance and splendor. Men and women jostled and elbowed their way toward the stairway to get even a first glimpse of the new President and his invalid wife. Two or three ladies fainted and were removed to the ambulance ward.

Mrs. McKinley Presented.

Mrs. McKinley made her way up the stairs to her dressing room with assistance, but was so fatigued that half an hour's rest was required before the party could join the procession around the lower floor, according to programme.

Immediately that order was over Mrs. McKinley was bundled into a carriage and taken back to the White House. Major McKinley, Vice-President Hobart and his handsome wife, and General Miles honored the assemblage with their presence, for some little while longer. Major McKinley entered the supper room at 11 p. m., and at midnight retired. The remainder of the Presidential party took sup-

per, mingled among the dancers and appeared to find some real enjoyment in being present.

Conspicuous among the thousands who attended the ball were members of the Chinese Legation and several other distinguished diplomats. The House and Senate were largely represented, but none of the "grave and reverend seniors" participated in the dancing portion of the programme. Dr. Talmage in his ministerial frock lent solemn dignity to the occasion.

GERMANS DISLIKE HIM.

Criticise President McKinley for Opinions Hostile to Commercial Interests of Europe.

By Robert Warner.

(Copyright, 1897, by W. R. Hearst.) Berlin, March 4.—The German newspapers freely discuss President McKinley's entrance to the White House. The general opinion prevails that the relations between Germany and the United States are not likely to improve under McKinley. President Cleveland formerly elicited great sympathy in Germany, but he almost lost it before his term expired.

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